Uniform Policy

St Margaret's CEVAP School

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Rationale

At St Margaret's CEVAP School we are very proud of our school uniform and it is our policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. Within our school we promote an atmosphere which encourages effort, enjoyment and a celebration of the achievements of all our pupils. Our concern for these high standards is also reflected in the pride we take in our school uniform and the feeling of belonging and inclusion it creates.

Aims

Our policy is based on the belief that school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school and it has a positive impact on behaviour and attitudes in school;
- Develops a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- Identifies children with our school when taking part in out of school educational activities and visits;
- Is practical and looks smart;
- Makes children feel equal to others in terms of appearance;
- Is inclusive;
- Is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes and hairstyles can be);
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school
- Is designed with health and safety in mind

We acknowledge that school uniform is an expense for parents and carers, and with that in mind we have made the decision that pupils only require school logo items for sweatshirt (KS1), jumper or cardigan (KS2) and or blazer (KS2). Girls summer dress can only be purchased from COES, Norwich Road, or on-line only from Marks & Spencer. All other items can be generic school uniform.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are watches and small objects of religious significance. If earrings are worn, they must be simple studded earrings, as discreet and small as possible. Earrings should not be worn on PE days, or covered with tape, as they can still cause injury to the pupil.

Haircuts

The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children eg. Completely shaved heads; shaved designs; Mohawk cuts etc. Pupil's hair should not be cut shorter than a 'grade 2' cut. Hair accessories such as hairbands, should be discreet and black, green or red in colour. Long hair should be tied up. Unnatural colours are not suitable for school and therefore not permitted.

Makeup & Nails

The school does not permit children to wear make-up, nail varnish or fake nails during the school day. Similarly, temporary transfers or fake 'tattoos' are not appropriate.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons, pupils must wear flat, closed toe footwear that is black in colour. Boots or open toed sandals should not be worn as they can present a health and safety risk.

PE

Our PE kit consists of a plain white t-shirt and bottle green shorts. In KS1 pupils need to have plimsolls in school, and in KS2, trainers are worn for PE lessons. Sometimes KS2 pupils require tracksuit bottoms for colder weather. These must be black /navy/grey. All pupils need to ensure that their PE kit is in school.

The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair. If the school has a problem with clothing that a pupil is wearing, parents will be contacted to resolve the issue.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests. These requests must be made in writing to the Head Teacher.

The role of the staff and Senior Leadership Team

The staff will check on a daily basis that standards are being maintained and refer to the SLT if required. The SLT will conduct termly uniform checks for each class. Pupils without the correct uniform will be given spare items to wear in school.

The role of governors

The Governing Body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy every three years. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical, whilst maintaining high standards across the school and in the local community.

The role of the PTA

The PTA from time to time run a second-hand uniform sale. This will be advertised in advance through the school's newsletters, website and Parentmail.

School Uniform

Remember to mark any clothing with names. The school cannot accept any responsibility for misplaced clothing but, if clothing is clearly marked, will make every effort to see lost items are returned. Please reduce the risks by ensuring that every garment or piece of clothing (including footwear) is clearly marked with your child's name.

Sustainability

St Margaret's CEVAP School supports the reusing and recycling of good quality uniform. This can be sourced through termly PTA sales (dates on school diary). Requests can be made directly through the school office or to the Pastoral Team who will be happy to help.

Year Group	Winter	Summer options
Reception **Key Stage 1** **(Year 1 & 2)**	White short sleeved plain polo shirt available from C&D Uniform with the School logo on (at least 1 preferred for school visits and photographs)  Bottle green sweatshirt **with school badge** (available from C&D Uniform)  Smart grey shorts or long trousers or; Grey skirt only.  **No pinafore dresses.**  Socks - Mid grey, plain (long) or white  Tights – Grey only 	Smart grey shorts  Summer Dress - ***Candy stripes*** of green and white, short sleeved. Must be purchased from Coes, Marks and Spencer (online only) or second hand due to the requirement of stripe. Summer Dress (available from C&D Uniform)  Summer Dress (available from M&S) 

This policy has been written with pupil voice and in the interests of equality of choice.

Key Stage 2

(Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)

Winter options

White shirt with a school tie or

white blouse with revere collar.



School Tie



Cardigan with school logo (available from C&D Uniform)



V neck pullover with school badge (available from C&D Uniform)



Smart grey shorts or long trousers or;

Grey skirt only.





No pinafore dresses.



Socks - Mid grey, plain (long) or white



Summer options

White shirt with a school tie or

white blouse with revere collar.



School Tie



Smart grey shorts



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Summer Dress (available from C&D Uniform)



Summer Dress (available from M&S)

